

Town Board Meeting
August 9, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Town of Cambridge duly called August 9th of 2021 at the Town Hall; the following were present:

Supervisor Catherine Fedler

Councilman Brian Harrington

Councilman Bruce Bailey

Councilman Douglas Ford

Absent: Councilwoman Gretchen Wilmot

Others present: Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt, Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent, Jerry Preece Residents from Conley Rd. Caleb Breault, Miroslav Marinkovic, Brian Kourofsky, Jim Morris the Eagle

Supervisor Fedler opened the meeting and led in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Caleb Breault, Miroslav Marinkovic and Brian Kourofsky residents from Conley Road attended the meeting with a complaint of a neighbor. These gentleman have a problem with their neighbor Michael Davidson (Keith Davidson) who owns an Air B&B at 284 Conley Rd.. Every 3rd or 4th Saturday they have firework shows, host weddings. A few weekends ago there was more than fireworks, it was an explosion. This explosion was so loud that it shook the windows, elderly neighbor was calling scared with concerns. Mr. Breault explained that he has pictures of the ripples on the pond from the explosion. These residents were coming to ask the Town Board if they had anything that they could do or suggest. These 3 residents on Conley Road have already spoken to the owner Mr. Davidson about the issues. The Supervisor said that unfortunately there is nothing that the Board can do, they must call the sheriff. It is important to get documentation of the incidents.

Jerry Preece from the Chamber of Commerce was present at the meeting. He presented to the Town Board an idea of his attracting people to this area that already have jobs. His idea was to bring people in from other areas, such as down State. He believes that in doing this he will bring in people that work remotely and will spend money here. He is using the same company as Washington County Tourism, Black Dog Design to work on advertising this area to attract people to this area. The benefit of this area is they can work remotely, have access to recreation, historical things and not be far from the city if they need to return. Mr. Preece is approaching Town of Cambridge, Jackson and White Creek. He is requesting less than 4% from the rescue fund (\$7,000). Councilman Ford mentioned that he had concerns about drawing down state people to the Town of Cambridge. They are already flocking in due to the COVID and eventually this will drive the prices up of real estate and taxes. Eventually the locals will not be able to afford to live here.

Auditing of the Bills

General	#147 – 162	\$1,080.22
Highway	#87 – 100	\$2,774.88

Resolution #39

Approving of the Supervisor's Report

Councilman Ford motioned, Seconded by Councilman Bailey to approve the Supervisor's report from July 2021.

Vote: Ayes - 4 Noes - 0

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Resolution #40

Approving of the Minutes

Councilman Bailey motioned, Seconded by Councilman Harrington to approve the minutes from the July 12th meeting with 2 corrections. On page 3 the second paragraph where it talks about the county and having ARPA committee, it should read that County came up with a committee to come up with ideas that fit all qualifications for ARPA money. The second correction is on page 3 last paragraph of the minutes where it discusses receiving CHIPS money. The last two sentences needed clarification, basically some things have changed in regards to black topping.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Heather Greenawalt reported that 2021 – 2022 hunting licenses went on sale as of August 2nd. DMP - Doe permits are on sale until October 1st.

Planning Board Report

Planning Board Secretary Heather Greenawalt reported that Planning Board met August 5, 2021 with 3 members present, secretary and 3 property owners.

- Karen Hayes presented a preliminary survey map for a minor subdivision at 680 Lees Crossing Road – Tax Map #288.-1-24.1 109.58 acres. Mrs. Hayes is proposing subdividing out 8.69 acres with the house. She would like to subdivide enough off with the house so the owner could have an Ag exemption if they would like. She plans to sell the house and 8.69 acres and her son will be keeping the remaining vacant farm land. The Planning Board approved the Preliminary survey and the Public Hearing will be Sept. 2nd.
- Dave Chesley presented a Preliminary survey of minor subdivision on 109 Durfee Road, tax map # 288.-1-15. His house is one side of Durfee road and his barns are on the other side. He would like to split the two lots; they are naturally split by the road anyway. He has a total of 12.3 acres, he will be selling the side with the house which created 6.42 acres and keeping the side with the barns creating a 5.62 lot. He will also be doing a minor boundary line adjustment on the Southwest side of the lot with the house to convey .09 acres to neighbor Floyd Pratt. The Board requested that the Planning Board Clerk call the county for guidance whether this can all be filed at the same time as the subdivision. Bill Lapan in County Real Property said yes it could be all filed a 3 lot subdivision as long as it was approved per resolution that the .09 lot subdivision would be merged with the neighbor's lot. Mr. Chelsey was told he could proceed with the final survey and the public hearing would be held on Sept. 2nd.
- Kathleen Quinn has resigned from the Planning Board. Need to advertise for vacant Planning Board position. Position will be posted in the paper and then will discuss applicants at the September meeting.

Highway Report

Jim Buckley Highway Superintendent reported:

- Continued mowing roadsides
- Changing culverts on Vly Summit Rd. and Horton Lane. There is a shortage of supply of culverts available to purchase.

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- Busy with storm damage – mostly trees and plugged culverts but some road damage as well.
- July 30th Jim Buckley Jr. Highway Superintendent took truck #8 and spent the day helping Salem get roads open after they suffered major damage from a storm.
- Cambridge Highway helped the Towns of Jackson and Salem with paving.
- Highway Superintendent has been talking with Palette Stone and the Town of Stillwater about the paving that we have left to do.

Town Board

None

Supervisor asked the Town Clerk if the Town had an up to date Equal Opportunity Policy for the Town of Cambridge.

There was a short discussion of whether the board members had read the Solar laws? It was thought that should keep the Solar Law as simple as possible. A lawyer should be involved to cover all the basics. Councilman Harrington thought that Town of Fort Ann Solar Law makes the most sense. There is still the question of how to address the Decommissioning in regards to Solar.

There being no further business before the Town Board the meeting was moved and carried for adjournment at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Greenawalt
Town Clerk/Town of Cambridge